



SAINT TIMOTHY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Renewing

**Our Minds
Our Church
Our Community**

2027 Annual Giving Campaign
Stewardship Weekend October 17-18

Be transformed by the
renewing of your minds.

Romans 12:2

ANNUAL GIVING 2027

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

Every autumn, our annual giving campaign offers us a moment to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the community we build together week after week. This year, we ground our stewardship in the words of Paul's letter to the Romans:

"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect."

– Romans 12:2

This year's theme, Renewing Our Minds, Our Church, Our Community, captures the ongoing spiritual journey we share. St. Timothy's has always been a sanctuary where lives are quietly changed, faith deepens, and compassion extends beyond our walls.

When we look across our parish, that spirit of renewal is evident everywhere:

Renewing Our Minds: In our worship, formation offerings and small group conversations, we create room for spiritual discovery and thoughtful reflection on how scripture informs our daily lives. In 2026, the youth of the parish had the opportunity to explore the intersection of faith and civic life through our Faith + Democracy Pilgrimage.

Renewing our Church: Through thoughtful care of our sanctuary, physical space, and parish programs, we preserve a warm, safe, and hospitable home for long-time members and newcomers alike. This year, we completed our HVAC project, restored and updated the lighting outside the church, identified the cause of water leakage in the sanctuary, and put a short-term repair in place while we plan a long-term solution.

Renewing Our Community: Through our ongoing outreach ministries and the produce raised in our garden, we translate our faith into tangible care for our neighbors. We supported our Youth Justice Initiative (YJI) ministry this year through our inaugural Outreach Ministry Grant.

Sustaining these vital efforts requires thoughtful financial planning and the collective commitment of us all. The Finance Team and the Vestry have prepared a budget for 2027 and a goal to increase pledges by 2%. We ask each household to prayerfully reflect on how your annual pledge helps carry this shared vision of renewal forward. Every contribution, regardless of the amount, serves as a vital investment in our shared future and allows St. Timothy's to continue its vital work.

Thank you for your continued faith, presence, and financial support. As we prayerfully commit our financial resources for the coming year, I am confident that God will continue transforming our minds, strengthening our church, and renewing our wider community through our shared generosity.

With gratitude and hope,

Amy Johnson
Sr. Warden



2026 Accomplishments

- Organized and sponsored the Faith + Democracy Pilgrimage, which brought 22 youth pilgrims and adult shepherds to Philadelphia and New York City to explore the history of those cities and the role they played in the founding of our country and the Episcopal Church.
- Continued feeding our community through YJI study tables, Joppa meal prep, FreshStart dinners, and our Grocery Ministry.
- The YardBirds helped maintain our worship space with fixes to the flooring and the pews.
- Contributed over \$17,925 (YTD through August) for our 2nd Offering Partners.
- Provided a new offering for the high school members of our parish through the Faith & Fun: Sunday Hang.
- In addition to our recurring adult formation offering, we provided additional formation opportunities through our Faith and Democracy Lenten Series and the Exploring the Story of Christian Thought series.
- Expanding our outreach to our LGBTQ neighbors with booths at both Capital City Pride's PrideFest and Valley Junction Pride!
- Hosted Vacation Bible School at St. Timothy's for Episcopal churches in the Des Moines area.
- Our annual block party and a combined worship with Covenant allowed for fellowship opportunities with our neighbors.
- Donated 19,980 pounds of food so far this year from our Faith & Grace Garden.
- Formed a Jr. Warden Committee to ensure continuity and the necessary expertise as we continue to maintain and update our building and property.
- The Jr. Warden and the committee were instrumental in updating lighting on our East campus, replacing and reglazing of the windows on the sides of the sanctuary, and identifying the cause of the water damage in our sanctuary.
- Conducted an emergency preparedness assessment for the church, which helped identify possible vulnerabilities and potential solutions.
- Developed a process for the Vestry to do an annual evaluation of our Rector.
- Created a "70 Years of Faith" video to help capture accounts of our history as part of the upcoming 70th anniversary celebration.

Please submit your pledge by October 18 by placing your pledge card in the offering plate at one of our services, mailing your card to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1020 24th St., West Des Moines, IA 50266, or pledging online at sttimothysiowa.org/stewardship/.





ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2027	2026
OPERATING FUND	DRAFT BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET
INCOME		
Loose Plate	\$4,000	\$4,000
Non Pledge Contributions	\$20,000	\$20,000
Pledges	\$435,880	\$427,330
Holidays (Easter, Christmas)	\$2,700	\$2,500
Other (Flowers, Candles, VBS, Rentals)	\$16,580	\$15,070
Interest	\$6,500	\$5,000
Designated Funds Transfer	—	—
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 485,660	\$ 473,900
EXPENSE		
Diocesan Pledge	\$ 70,774	\$ 68,200
Community/Pastoral Ministries	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800
Christian Formation	\$ 5,518	\$ 3,258
Music	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,050
Liturgy	\$ 5,900	\$ 5,900
Parish Life	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400
Personnel	\$ 235,307	\$ 248,120
Office	\$ 20,139	\$ 17,452
Communications	\$ 5,530	\$ 2,607
Property	\$ 129,192	\$ 115,113
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 485,660	\$ 473,900

2027 BUDGET KEY DRIVERS

- Pledge income ask is a 2% increase from the 2026 budget.
- Diocesan pledge increased by 4% based on the diocesan formula.
- Christian Formation: investment in registration/attendance software for classes and events.
- Personnel: Sexton retired; position replaced with a City Wide Facilities contract in the Property section of the budget.
- Personnel: Reflects a 2% increase in staff salary and an 8% increase in insurance benefits.
- Office: Increased cost of supplies as well as bank fees associated with PayPal.
- Communications: Increased for new directional signage in the church (a one-time planned expense).
- Property: New City Wide Facilities contract and inflationary increases in contracted expenses and supplies.

